

**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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For new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. P03,0381

First Named Inventor or Application Identifier

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Specification Total Pages 14
2. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Pages 6
3. ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney Total Pages 2
  - a. ☐ Executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 14 completed)

[Note Box 4 Below]

i. ☐ **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**

Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

4. ☐ Incorporation By Reference (usable if Box 3b is checked)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a  
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is  
considered as being part of the disclosure of the  
accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by  
reference therein.

**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

5. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & documentation)
6. ☒ Letter under 37 CFR 1.41(c).
7. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
8. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
9. ☐ Amendment "A" Prior To Action
10. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)
11. ☐ Small Entity Status
12. ☒ Certified Copy of Priority Document (s) German  
Application No. 102 44 184.7 filed September 23, 2002
13. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

- ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No: \_\_\_\_\_, Filed \_\_\_\_\_

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4)RATE	(5) BASIC FEE 750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS 20	14			
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 03	2			
ANY MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS?				
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			TOTAL FILING FEE ->	\$750.00

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application, or credit any overpayment to ACCOUNT NO. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Re: Proposed Patent Application for TORSTEN NIEDERDRÄNK, HERVE  
SCHULZ and TOM WEIDNER entitled "FEEDBACK COMPENSATION FOR  
HEARING DEVICES WITH SYSTEM DISTANCE ESTIMATION", for  
Attorney Docket No. P03,0381

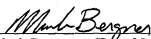
S I R:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 14 claims, abstract of the disclosure, 6 sheets of drawings, an unexecuted declaration, and a filing fee on behalf of TORSTEN NIEDERDRÄNK, HERVE SCHULZ and TOM WEIDNER, and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

On behalf of the inventor(s), I hereby claim priority from German Application No. 102 44 184.7 filed September 23, 2002.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f).

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